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Following personal message for President Kennedy from Tshombe dated October 30 received this morning under cover of letter to Consulate requesting that letter to President be forwarded to him personally as quickly as possible. Consider this message to be ill-advised propaganda move in same category and possibly with same origins as recent Tshombe letter to Under Secretary McGhee (Consulate telegram 609 to Leopoldville of October 23 pouched to Department). One possible response would be ignore it completely.

Begin unofficial translation of text.

We have experienced deep emotion in the face of the threats which the enemies of peace and of the liberty of mankind have posed and are posing in Cuba against the people of the United States.

We are delighted that in the interest of the free world as well as that of the U.S. you have put a stop to the Cuban enterprise of world subversion. We know that the development of this operation has been facilitated by errors of appraisal by certain senior American officials whom is judged (certain) men and their intimate and secret connections with

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the Communist world. There is a risk that the same consequences may be produced in our country if the same policy continues in Africa wherein the idea of avoiding Communism, certain high American functionaries, in order to satisfy certain powers, support men like Adoula who are responsive to all Soviet pressures against the best friends of the West. We are wholeheartedly with you.

End text.

DEAN

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Note: Advance copy to SS-O.

Passed to White House 10/31/62.

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